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Mr. Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 406X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment in South Hutchinson, Kansas

Dear Secretary Williams:

In reply to the City of South Hutchinson's letter to you dated January 30, 2004, BNSF does not object to the issuance of a Notice of Interim Trails Use.

Sincerely,

Re:

Sarah Whitley Bailiff St Sarah Whitley Bailiff

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Richard Batie cc: Peter Luedtke